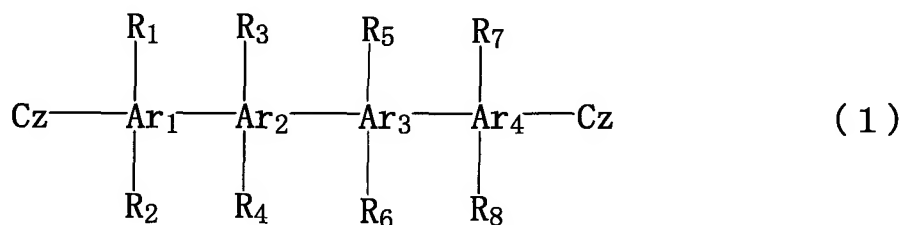


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (1):

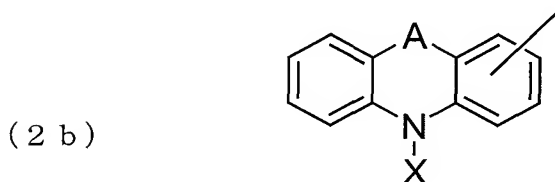
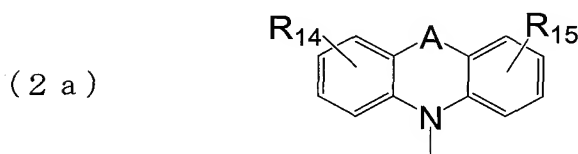


wherein

Ar₁ to Ar₄ each represent a p-phenylene or m-phenylene ~~benzene residue~~;

R₁ to R₈ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 5 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, or a group represented by Cz below, ~~and when each of R₁ to R₈ bond to its adjacent carbon atom, each of R₁ to R₈ and its adjacent carbon atom may bond to each other to form a saturated or unsaturated cyclic structure;~~

Cz represents a group expressed by the following general formula (2a) or (2b):



wherein

A represents a single bond, $-(CR_9R_{10})_n-$, $-(SiR_{11}R_{12})_n-$, $-NR_{13}-$, $-O-$, or $-S-$, n represents an integer of 1 to 3, R_9 to R_{15} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group having 3 to 40 ring atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms; and a couple of R_9 and R_{10} or a couple of R_{11} and R_{12} may bond each other to form a saturated or unsaturated cyclic structure;

X represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group having 5 to 40 ring atoms, a

substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aralkylamino group having 7 to 40 carbon atoms;

provided that, ~~when at least one of Ar₁ to Ar₄ represents m-phenylene or o-phenylene,~~
~~or~~ when all of Ar₁ to Ar₄ each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1), at least one of R₁ to R₈ represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, or the above group represented by Cz.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein Ar₂ and Ar₃ each ~~independently~~ represent m-phenylene ~~or o-phenylene~~, and Ar₁ and Ar₄ each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein Ar₁ and Ar₄ each ~~independently~~ represent m-phenylene ~~or o-phenylene~~, and Ar₂ and Ar₃ each represent p-phenylene in the general formula (1).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein Ar₁ and Ar₄ each ~~independently~~ represent m-phenylene, and R₁ or R₇ represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 40 ring carbon atoms, or the group represented by Cz in the general formula (1).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the group represented by Cz in the general formula (1) comprises a substituted or unsubstituted carbazolyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted 9-phenylcarbazolyl group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (1) is a host material for an organic electroluminescence device.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An organic EL device comprising an organic thin film layer composed of one or more layers including at least a light-emitting layer being sandwiched between a cathode and an anode, wherein at least one layer of the organic thin film layer comprises the material for an organic electroluminescence device according to any one of claims 1 or 4 ~~1 to 6~~.

Claim 8 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, wherein the light-emitting layer comprises the material for an organic electroluminescence device as a host material.

Claim 9 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 8, wherein the light-emitting layer is composed of one or more host material and one or more phosphorescent metal complex.

Claim 10 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, wherein a reducing dopant is added to an interfacial region between the cathode and the organic thin film layer.

Claim 11 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device according to claim 7, further comprising an electron-injecting layer between the light-emitting layer and the cathode, wherein the electron-injecting layer has a nitrogen atom-containing derivative as an essential component.

Claim 12 (New): A material for an organic electroluminescence device according to claim 1, wherein at least one of Ar₁ to Ar₄ each represents m-phenylene.